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THE JOB GROWS MORE DREARY.

NOT long since the Herald called attention to the fact that the task of the calamity however in the year 1913 is a dreary one and predicted that it would become increasingly so. Already the new prophets of disaster in New Mexico who have been maintaining that the nation was on the verge of panic and plunging on to its certain doom under the malign influence of the Wilson administration and 17-cent wool have begun to hedge a little. The mournful gentry now admit that through a regrettable surprising and utterly inexplicable combination of favorable conditions, the business outlook here at home in New Mexico is actually hopeful. The deplorably cheerful situation they blame chiefly upon the rainfall and a wholly unforeseen shortage of wool in Wales. They now admit that Providence has intervened in our immediate vicinity and deplores the fact that while we thrive and grow fat the rest of this great nation must inevitably go to the dogs. This concession to evidence so close at home that it has become embarrassing is merely an indication of the increasing difficulty of howling calamity as predicting panic while in the midst of prosperity.

Our New Mexico predictors of peril are not the only ones to feel the pressure of impending prosperity. That mournful orator over the remains of our once magnificent business structure, the Kansas City Journal, admits that Kansas is so prosperous that its people have no time to talk politics; while in Kansas means a stage of prosperity never reached before. It admits, in the course of a column of cross questioning of itself that even Missouri is doing well and that the west is particularly fortunate this year in having crops which will bring more millions of dollars to the farmers within the next few months.

"Very soon," mourns the Journal, "the tide of golden grain will begin flowing to the markets and the tide of golden money will flow back to the farmers. And within a short time this money will begin to flow back again to the markets, in exchange for the things the farmers want. This will make good times in Kansas City and its trade territory."

And having admitted this certainty of good times in its own great region the Journal says: "It is a pity that the whole country cannot enjoy the same measure of prosperity, and it would if the manufacturing and transportation industries were given equal treatment."

The poor, down-trodden transportation industry: it never gets a look in at the golden flood which flows in and out of Kansas City. Presumably that flood is handled by the Rail. The partners who have plenty of money with which to buy "what they want" confine their purchases to what constitutes a complete boy-cart of manufactured products. By a curious combination of natural conditions, New Mexico and Kansas and Missouri and Ohio and the lake states and the whole south are prosperous, but these are isolated sections and the country as a whole is going to the bow-wows.

Mr. Hearst, now high priest of the prophets of panic, on one page of his Los Angeles Examiner declares that "falling of the railroads and business" by the Wilson administration is driving the nation to disaster. On the next page he conducts a savage assault upon the mighty Fe railroad as an unbridled robber of the people and on the page immediately following sounds a trumpet call to proclaim the prosperity of California, an item of which is an estimated ten thousand cars of canned fruit, of a value of between fifteen and twenty million dollars: a large portion of which will be hauled to market by the Santa Fe railroad. All would be well with our fair land if the manufacturing and transportation industries were given fair treatment."

The path of the political calamity howler and the "psychological" man-creator this year is a rocky one. He has to go away from home to find a reason for his gloomy paintings and even so it keeps him hustling as one carefully prepared disaster after another disappears.

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Reports from correspondents throughout the United States indicate that the optimism which was apparent a few weeks ago has now passed beyond mere sentiment, and a larger and broader demand for many kinds of merchandise has resulted. The beginning of the winter wheat harvest and the glowing crop reports have no doubt influenced increased buying, both in a wholesale and a retail way, and the trade of the largest centers throughout the country has been correspondingly affected. In view of the warm weather, a large section of the country joiners have been compelled to place reorders. More interest is also being shown in fall requirements and as indication of the trend of trade manufacturers of cotton and woolens are not inclined to take present prices for future deliveries. Advice from the west state a semi-annual clearance of dry goods not only brought out more buyers but larger receipts than last year, while road sales also show a corresponding improvement. There are also evidences of better conditions in iron and steel. The transportation companies are showing more buying interest, new orders for 10,700 cars bringing more than 100,000 tons of plates and shapes to the plant. In the pipe line more activity is in evidence, and there is a better inquiry from implement manufacturers."

THE COP.

POLICE chiefs of the country in solemly concur at Grand Rapids have done two notable things. They have excluded William J. Burns from the inner shrine, and they have passed a resolution for the suppression of moving picture films caricaturing the police. In the action upon Mr. Burns the country was only mildly interested and perhaps a trifle amused. Mr. Burns was guilty of unethical conduct. He advertised.

In the resolution to suppress motion picture films which caricature the police the public is vitally interested and is rising up in its might to protest against this unwarranted assault upon our liberties. There are many things we have to stand from the police, in cities great and cities small. They are the guardians of our peace and the regulators of our liberties, also they frequently regulate our amusements. But when the police undertake to regulate our sense of humor they step a trifle over the limit which even a well-trained and law-abiding people will stand.

It is being gently pointed out to the police chiefs that they have undertaken to exercise a power which up to this time is not held by the president of the United States, or by congress, but more vital than this is the fact that they seek deliberately to deprive us of one of the twelve known foundations of the Burns story. We will permit the police chiefs to regulate our joys and our jags, our poker and our politics. But when they undertake to regulate our sense of humor, we bark.

LOOK WHO'S HERE.

"FIVE automobiles containing twenty-five Puebloans arrived in town Monday evening, putting up at the Seaberry hotel until Tuesday, when they left for Taos county, where they will camp and fish for several weeks."

Now what do you think of that? Five million postcards are going out of Colorado this year to the rest of this great and glorious country, telling about the fishing streams of Colorado; and here come twenty-five citizens of the Centennial and much advertised state down to New Mexico in five automobiles to enjoy the fishing in our New Mexico streams.

Last week six learned gentlemen of the law of El Paso passed through Albuquerque bound for the Mora river, where they will fish for two weeks. The season is young, yet we learn that the Pecos river is lined with foreign fishermen.

The fact is that the far reaching fraternity of fishermen have found New Mexico. Our streams are well stocked; our scenery is a little better than that of Colorado in most spots and just as good in the rest. Our streams thus far have not been overfished. The real sportmen are looking New Mexico way. By continued careful stocking of our streams, and by judicious advertising, New Mexico very soon will begin to divide with Colorado the enormous national advertising that state has gained solely through its fishing streams and their wise exploitation by railroads and communities. The speckled trout easily can be turned into a considerable business.

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It is believed that this is the first time in the history of any state that an extra session of the legislature has been proposed for any such extraordinary purpose. There have been numerous instances in which extra sessions have been called for the purpose of devising ways and means for raising more revenue by means of taxation, but to call a special session for the purpose of lowering a state tax levy is an unheard-of event.

There have been plenty of instances in the history of the various states in which more money has been raised by taxation than was necessary for proper conduct of the state government. But in such cases the accepted custom has been to find ways of spending the money. In rare instances the ingenuity which has been shown in finding ways to get rid of a surplus in our state treasuries has amounted to nothing less than genius. In those rare cases where the excess could not be dispersed without scandal, it has been the custom to boast of the "surplus in the treasury" and so before the people on the record of a business administration.

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(From the Clayton News)

No one will deny that New Mexico needs a legislature, composed of honest and efficient citizens, and also no one will deny that it has been a long time since New Mexico had such a body in session at the state capital. The Democratic party has entered the present campaign with the avowed purpose of giving the state an honest and efficient legislature. The efforts of the party leaders in every legislative district in the state are now centered upon the legislative nominations and it is the determination of the party to nominate only the best men as candidates for the legislature. It is imperative that the lower house of the next legislature, the only branch possible for the coming election to reform, be composed of men of higher character and citizenship than that possessed and displayed by the members of the majority in the last body. The last legislature had the chance to give the state relief from many iniquitous laws and practices and was repeatedly urged to do so by Governor McDonald, but was too busy taking care of the individual interests and pet political schemes of members of the majority to devote any time to the welfare of the people. The really beneficial laws enacted by that body could be best represented by a cipher, while its act of omission and harmful commission could best be told by a Burroughs adding machine.

The Democracy realizes the need of running the very best men for the legislature and believes that the great majority of the voters will rally to their support. New Mexico, especially after its experience with the Bonham and hedonic lower house furnished it by the Republican party in the last state election, needs good Democrats in the legislature, and it is the intention of the Democratic party to furnish them in the coming election.

I will give one-fourth off the price of every piece of summer footwear in my big stock. This is your chance for bargains. Wm. Chaplin, 121 W. Central.

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